

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilman Loguercio Will Host Ceremony to Rename Bellport's Martha Avenue Park Ball fields in Honor of Late Civic Leader Tony Gazzola

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**Farmingville, NY** – On August 1, the Town of Brookhaven will unveil a new sign at Martha Avenue Park in Bellport, naming the ball fields in honor of late civic leader Tony Gazzola. Mr. Gazzola, who passed away in 2015, was the founder of the South Country Community Conference and the man most responsible for the Town creating Martha Avenue Park. He also worked with the Town to establish the Safe Summer Youth Program at the park in the 1990s.

The 6:30 pm unveiling will be hosted by Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Michael Loguercio. It will be held during the Suffolk County Police Department's "National Night Out," a program designed to heighten crime and drug awareness; generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and to help neighborhoods organize and fight back. The program runs from 6:00pm to 9:30pm and is co-hosted by the Town of Brookhaven and the Bellport Hagerman East Patchogue Alliance, Inc. Councilman Loguercio will also participate in the evening's "3 On 3" basketball tournament for children from the Boys and Girls Club of the Bellport Area.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Tony's legacy looms large in the East Patchogue-Bellport community and it is fitting that we honor him in this way. The people who use the fields should know that this park is there because of his efforts."

Councilman Loguercio said, "I am very proud to have the opportunity to join Tony's family and friends as we recognize all he did to make this community a better place to live. I encourage all those who have been touched by his 'can-do' spirit to celebrate his life with us."

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